

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1951.

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POPULATION.

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The population of the State on the 30th June, 1951 was estimated to be 581,486, comprising 299,093 Males and 282,393 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1950 was 309,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	NOVEMBER.		11 Months ended NOVEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Marriages - Number.	480	464	4980	4959
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	9.93	9.91	9.37	9.71
Births - Number.	1263	1247	13875	13019
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	26.13	26.64	26.10	25.50
Deaths - Number.	420	438	4939	4654
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	8.69	9.36	9.29	9.12
Infant Mortality - Number.	28	37	399	353
*Rate per 1000 Live Births.	22.17	29.67	28.76	27.11
 PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	13	10	81	123
Cancer.	58	61	639	616
Influenza.	3	5	24	30
Diphtheria.	-	-	11	7
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	62	42	558	486
Arteriosclerosis.	19	11	194	132
Diseases of the Heart.	117	119	1594	1396
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia.	8	22	184	176
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.	2	3	59	45
Nephritis.	8	12	80	96
Diseases of Early Infancy.	15	21	248	212
Sonility.	1	2	28	38
Accidents.	29	39	353	373
All Other Causes.	85	91	886	924
Total.	420	438	4939	4654

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

† Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December totalled 1,155,808 acres, an increase of 8,140 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,775,547 acres, a decrease of 81,317.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of DECEMBER.		6 Months ended DECEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
revenue.	£.	£.	£.	£.
revenue per Head of Population.	2,427,142	2,536,635	15,791,166	12,595,049
Expenditure.	£4. 2. 5	£4. 8. 8	£26. 18. 11	£22. 5. 3
Expenditure per Head of Population.	2,914,141	2,402,404	16,578,234	13,106,142
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SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st December amounted to £46,033,058 or £78. 0. 5d. per head of population as against £39,809,535 or £69. 7. 11d. per head as at the 31st December last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

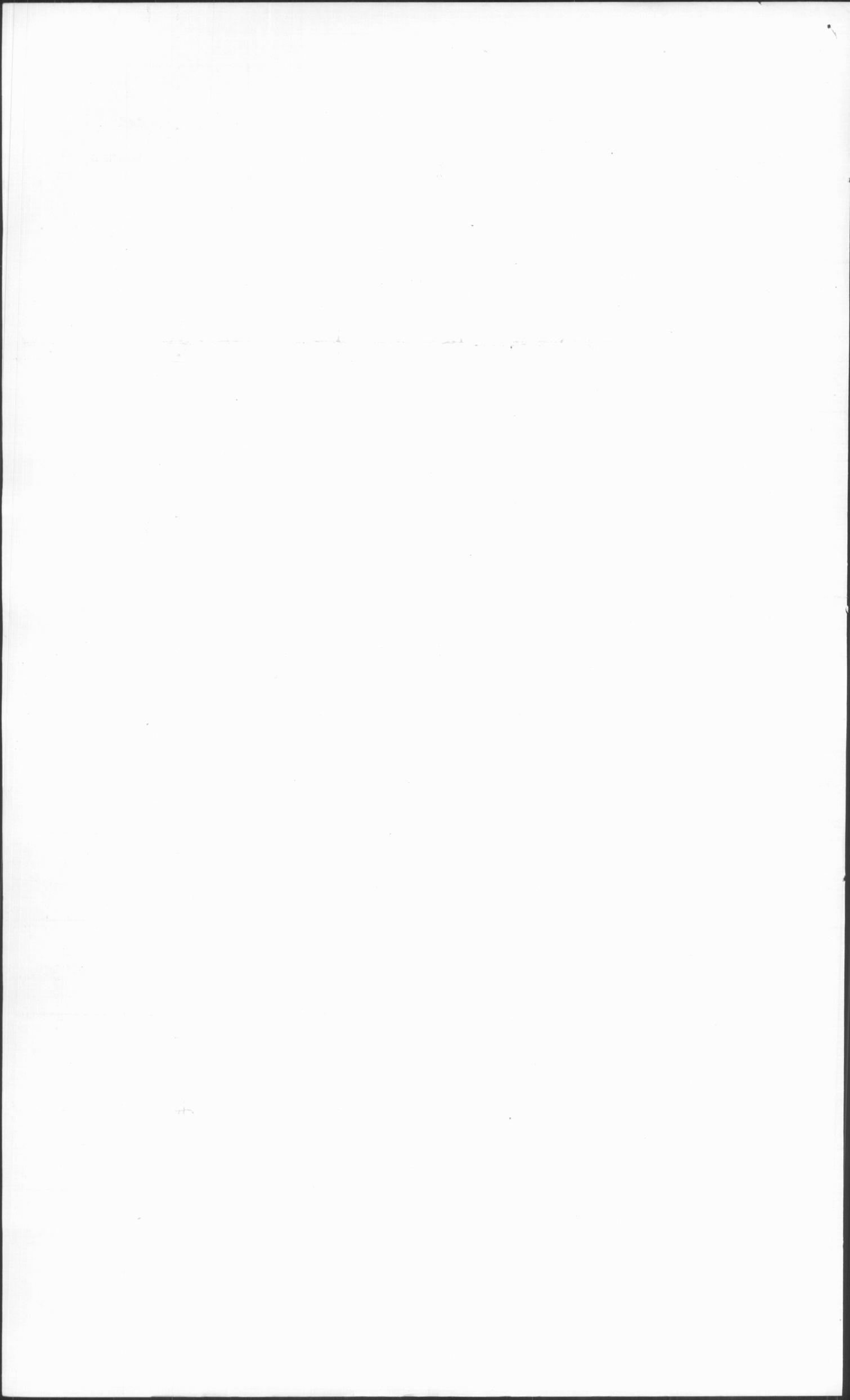
The average weekly clearance for the 42/3 weeks ended 31st December, 1951 amounted to £12,731,109 compared with £11,460,787 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.	DECEMBER.		6 Months ended December.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Transfers.	No. 1,455	No. 1,848	No. 11,939	No. 12,361
	£. 2,035,733	£. 2,655,165	£. 15,980,464	£. 13,283,755
Mortgages.	No. 1,098	No. 1,432	No. 8,112	No. 8,967
	£. 1,311,679	£. 2,051,114	£. 11,293,396	£. 11,348,135
Discharges of Mortgages.	No. 737	No. 905	No. 5,625	No. 5,770

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns.	TAXABLE GOODS.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross).	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Six Months ended December, 1950.	13,635,122	9,836,038	25,265,392	1,351,369
Six Months ended December, 1951.	16,920,566	14,079,748	39,894,205	2,386,040
Month of December - 1950.	1,729,449	1,588,925	4,091,248	217,192
Month of December - 1951.	1,264,316	1,897,919	4,947,874	409,998



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

47 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £2,181,500, and 36 Foreign Companies were registered during the ~~five~~ months ended December, 1951. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 65 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,937,000, and 28 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	6 Months ended December.								
	No.	1951		1950					
		Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.			
Sequestration Orders.	10	£.	23,216	£.	31,595	£.	15	45,293	9,442
Deeds of Assignment. (a)	5		8,210		4,353		11	27,274	28,892
Deeds of Arrangement.	1		1,978		1,015		-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

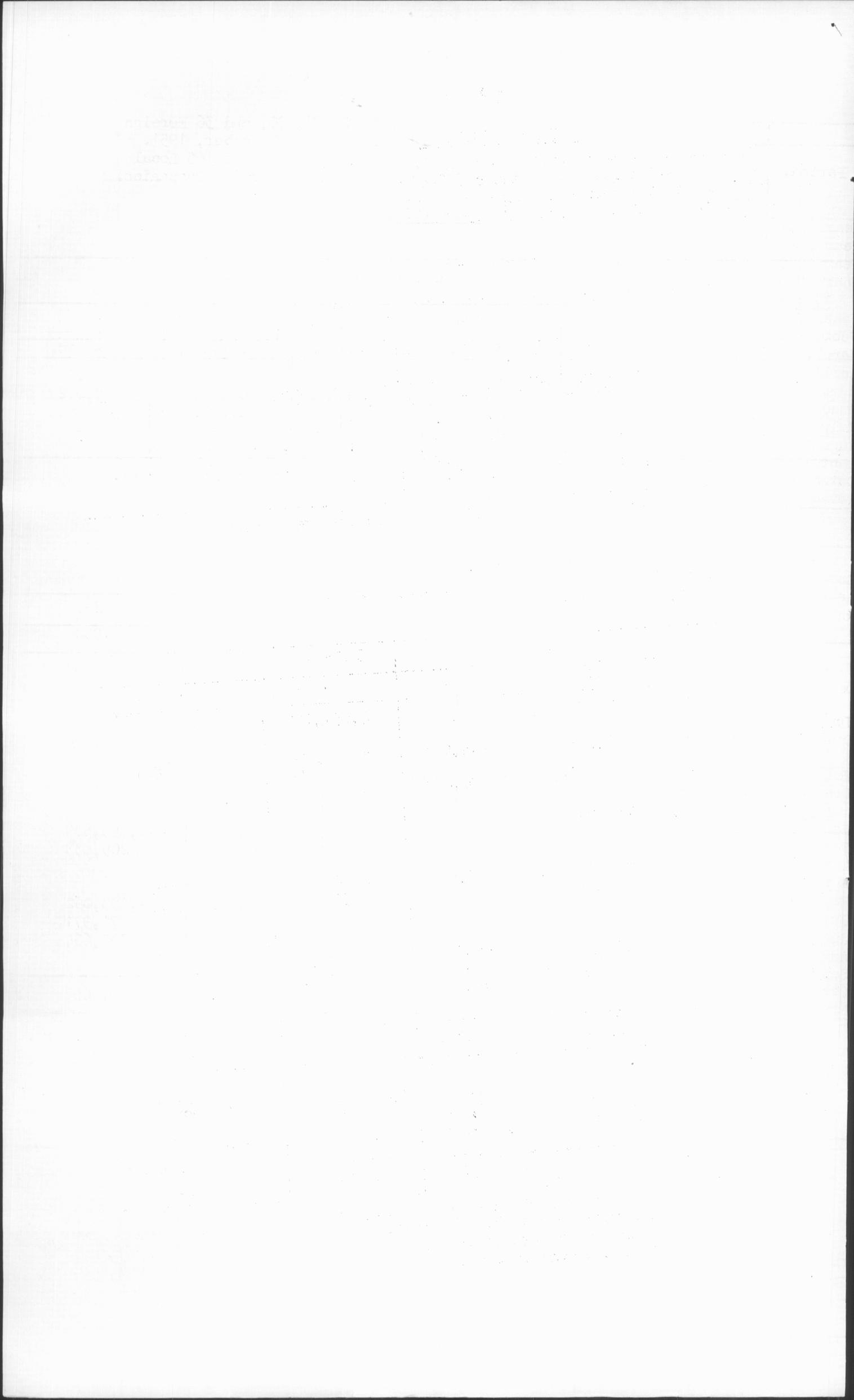
	NOVEMBER.		5 Months ended NOVEMBER.		
	1951	1950	1951	1950	
Gross Earnings. (a) *	£.	874,500	558,800	4,091,100	2,826,600
Working Expenses. (a)	£.	896,942	644,635	4,329,956	3,287,848
Train Miles Run.	No.	604,931	596,000	3,029,460	3,020,840
Motor Bus Miles Run.	No.	(b) 147,143	(b) 130,582	(c) 745,300	(c) 647.852
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train.	No.	806,360	808,207	4,688,621	4,553,509
Motor Bus.	No.	43,184	41,892	239,111	209,433
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods.		251,258	232,987	1,305,875	1,193,062
Livestock.		19,448	18,806	63,818	71,971
Departmental.		93,336	72,996	352,841	332,664
(Free Freight).					
Total.		364,042	324,789	1,722,534	1,597,697
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods.		39,147,914	34,646,664	199,273,062	185,824,289
Livestock.		2,530,460	2,260,532	8,209,767	9,410,901
Departmental.		8,809,201	9,194,542	40,228,966	41,731,378
(Free Freight).					
Total.		50,487,575	46,101,738	247,711,795	236,966,568

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 17th November.

(c) Period ended 17th November.

* Figures liable to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES). *N*

Period.	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
<u>1951 -</u>								
January.	264	137	3	123	507	458	5	208
February.	348	177	2	137	654	526	5	224
March.	354	199	2	208	666	604	4	338
April.	359	153	1	193	652	449	7	308
May.	329	200	3	159	600	477	9	266
June.	259	221	2	145	475	520	6	244
July.	330	158	4	123	592	457	16	248
August.	369	171	9	108	656	424	16	175
September.	371	164	5	161	717	434	8	270
October.	458	200	4	213	796	515	5	371
November.	470	172	10	178	843	498	11	305

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).*

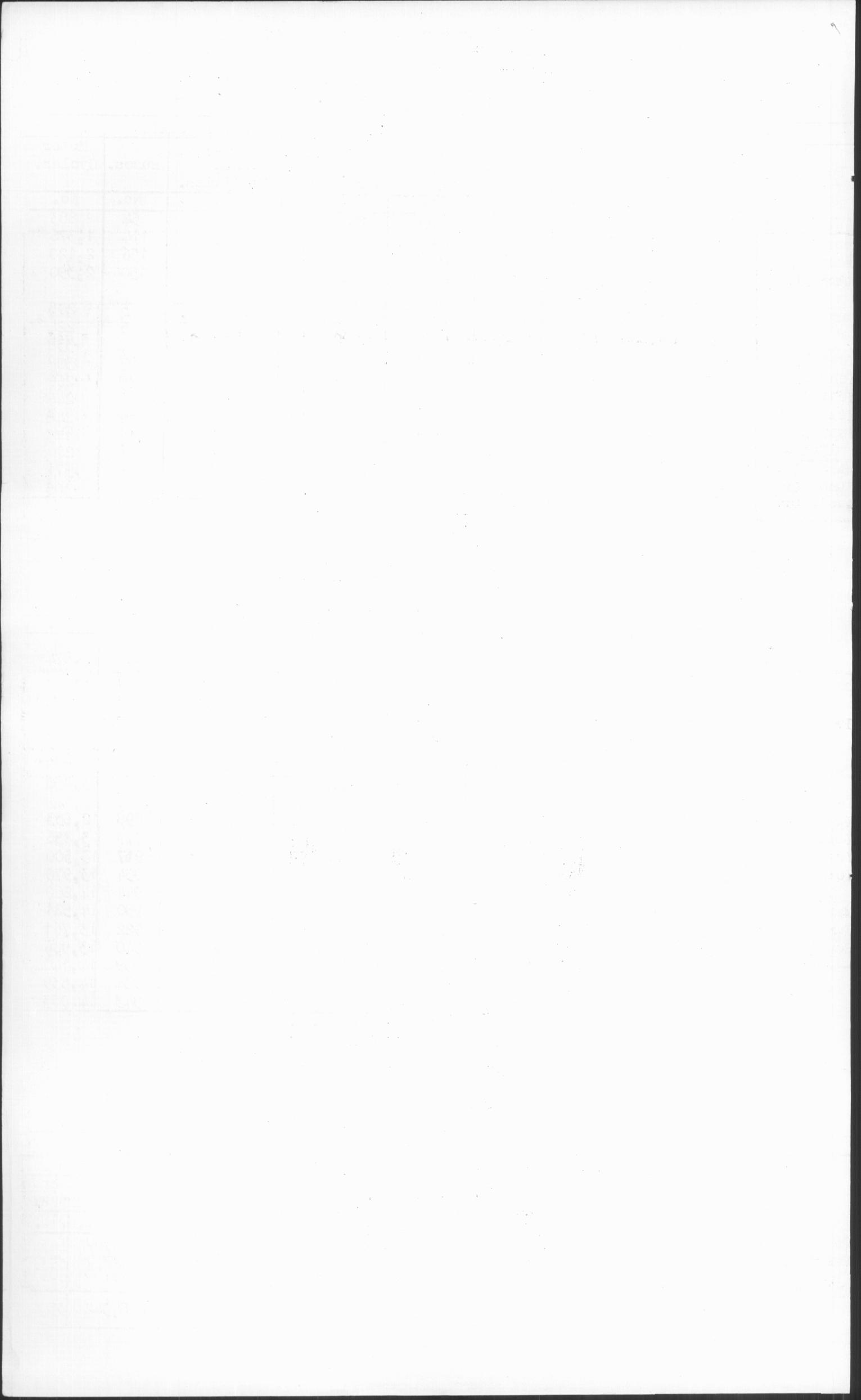
Date (as at end of Month).	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1948 -</u>								
June.	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December.	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
June.	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
December.	26,245	11,989	402	7,286	43,981	40,412	781	11,740
<u>1950 -</u>								
June.	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
December.	31,223	13,490	494	8,230	52,185	42,792	903	13,030
<u>1951 -</u>								
January.	31,463	13,645	497	8,341	51,830	41,257	898	12,853
February.	31,656	13,783	498	8,437	52,904	42,942	917	13,256
March.	31,900	13,932	496	8,550	53,460	43,496	917	13,500
April.	32,113	14,041	498	8,670	54,422	44,571	934	13,970
May.	32,301	14,154	498	8,757	55,126	45,386	944	14,260
June.	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
July.	33,891	14,896	498	9,097	55,406	45,293	922	13,761
August.	34,204	15,053	509	9,175	56,006	45,703	940	13,906
September.	34,482	15,188	505	9,300	56,630	46,108	939	14,140
October.	34,886	15,355	505	9,485	57,196	46,432	934	14,539
November.	35,265	15,463	512	9,625	58,256	47,502	943	14,953

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for October, 1951: 125 Cars; 820 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 8 Buses and 15 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, November 1951 and 1950, and five months ended November 1951 and 1950, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS.				EXPORTS. (Including Ships' Stores).			
	NOVEMBER.		5 Months ended NOVEMBER.		NOVEMBER.		5 Months ended NOVEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Oversea.	£A,000 5,298	£A,000 2,285	£A,000 25,646	£A,000 15,508	£A,000 8,623	£A,000 9,176	£A,000 33,584	£A,000 32,445
Interstate.	5,323	3,794	26,169	19,523	901	751	4,758	3,192
Total.	10,621	6,079	51,815	35,031	9,524	9,927	38,342	35,637



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951 -										
March Qr.	442	583	780	1,255	8	26	82	189	1,312	2,053
June Qr.	425	571	1,002	1,629	5	20	143	301	1,575	2,521
Sept. Qr.	422	612	1,099	1,790	15	295	93	243	1,629	2,940

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residential excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period.	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
Year 1946	578	£.000	186	£.000	373	£.000	227	£.000	1,364	£.000
Year 1947	1,114	640	257	140	966	296	62	172	1,248	1,364
Year 1948	1,252	1,365	257	196	249	962	29	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1949	1,449	1,715	326	1,436	191	1,348	42	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1950	1,709	2,235	228	1,571	191	1,649	43	42	3,290	4,118
1951 -										
March Qr.	447	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
June Qr.	507	877	93	88	613	803	21	22	1,174	1,790
Sept. Qr.	504	1,027	106	110	678	923	65	63	1,356	2,123
	504	1,071	116	120	722	1,080	38	44	1,380	2,315

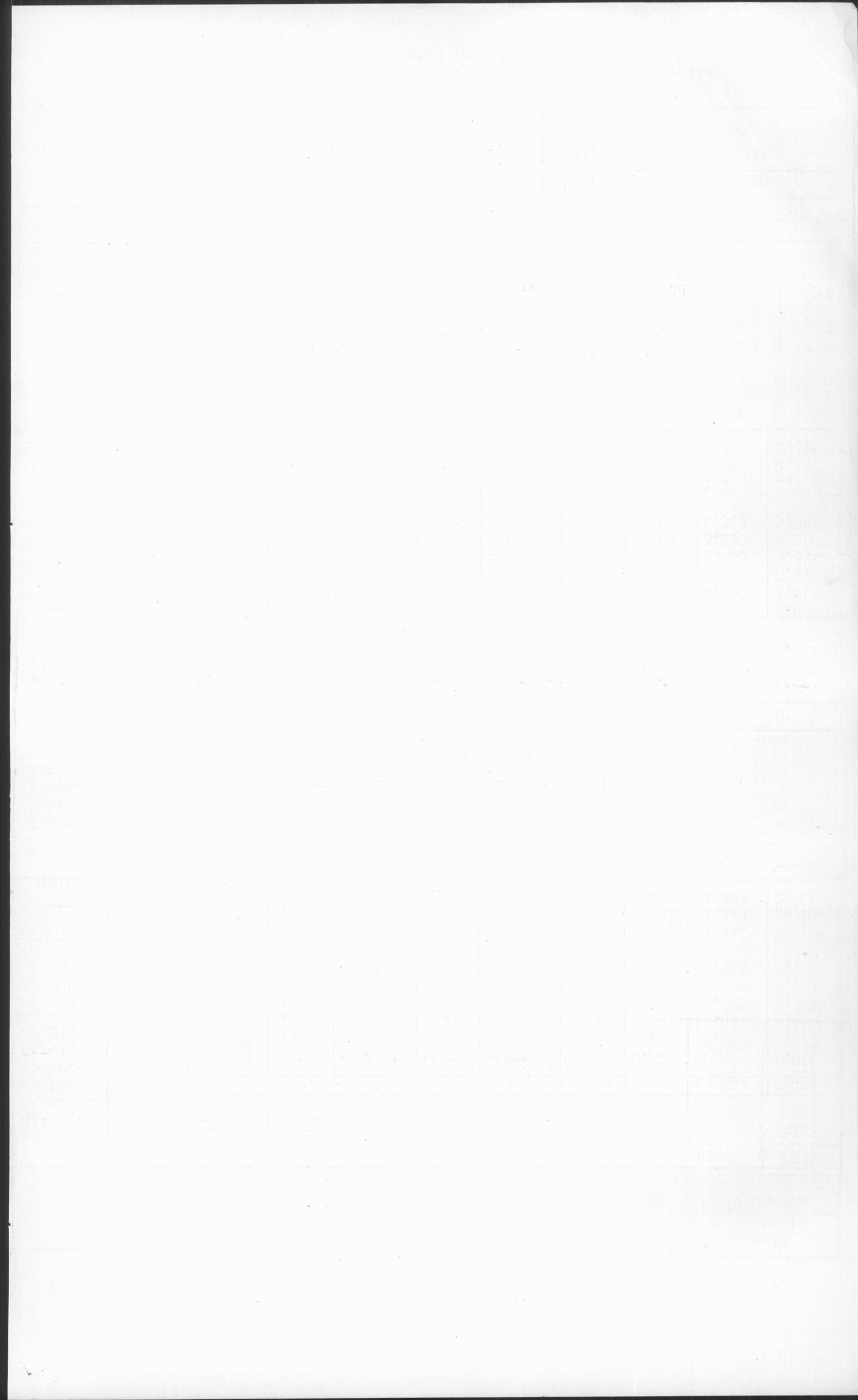
BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,111,827 lbs. were produced during November, 1951 and 9,971,573 lbs. for the five months ended November, 1951 as against 2,227,802 lbs. and 9,817,119 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1950.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	DECEMBER		12 Months ended DECEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Quantity Fine Ozs.	49,839	46,814	627,779	610,333
Value (Aust. Currency). £.	772,092	725,230	9,725,343	9,466,270

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December, 1951 amounted to £ 1,000,468. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1950 amounted to £ 1,196,088.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town.	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	SEPTEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months ended SEPTEMBER.		DECEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months ended DECEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Metropolitan Area.	2019	1608	1856	1542	1989	1607	1860	1538
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2158	1737	1992	1673	2078	1706	1940	1636
Northam.	2051	1623	1878	1561	1991	1614	1870	1550
Bunbury.	2051	1630	1880	1549	2012	1633	1870	1559
Geraldton.	2093	1650	1913	1582	2090	1686	1956	1611
Collie.	2050	1618	1880	1552	1916	1548	1785	1477

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).
Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1950			1951		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January.	117,756	38,819	156,575	123,741	40,324	164,065
February.	118,064	39,050	157,114	124,946	41,182	166,128
March.	119,009	39,708	158,717	125,210	41,480	166,690
April.	119,440	39,726	159,166	124,785	41,729	166,514
May.	120,616	39,755	160,371	124,715	41,642	166,357
June.	120,479	39,952	160,431	125,284	41,564	166,848
July.	120,412	39,753	160,165	125,649	41,445	167,094
August.	121,263	40,015	161,278	125,475	41,602	167,077
September.	121,691	40,367	162,058	125,366	41,474	166,840
October.	121,871	40,343	162,214	125,843	41,405	167,248
November.	122,889	40,583	163,472	126,646	41,467	168,113
December.	123,146	41,199	164,345			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)).					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)).				
	1947	1948	1949	1950 (a)	1951 (a)	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
January.	162	171	179	194	206	1134	1233	1354	1410	1490
February.	164	172	182	197	209	1138	1249	1358	1387	1495
March.	166	176	186	200	209	1145	1264	1371	1415	1513
April.	167	176	187	200	209	1144	1264	1377	1415	1508
May.	168	177	187	203	210	1151	1277	1354	1418	1500
June.	167	177	187	202	211	1153	1277	1362	1429	1517
July.	167	177	182	202	211	1168	1301	1381	1423	1517
August.	167	179	189	202	211	1181	1294	1377	1419	1510
September.	168	180	190	203	208	1172	1302	1365	1428	1518
October.	168	180	191	204	210	1184	1318	1375	1431	1522
November.	169	182	192	205	211	1215	1349	1402	1450	1537
December.	170	182	194	204		1267	1385	1470	1531	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1950 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation.*	Metropolitan Area.		South - West Land Division.		Goldfields and Rest of State.	
	Male. £. s. d.	Female. £. s. d.	Male. £. s. d.	Female. £. s. d.	Male. £. s. d.	Female. £. s. d.
29th January, 1952.	10.14. 1	6. 19. 2	10. 13. 8	6. 18. 11	10.19. 8	7. 2. 9

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

Particulars.	DECEMBER.		6 Months ended DECEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	23,471	22,613	156,858	132,266
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	19,998	20,730	136,656	121,218

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
December, 1951.	4,888	414	111,038	13,442
December, 1950.	5,926	519	117,725	10,870
12 Months ended December, 1951.	107,699	4,455	772,217	117,512
12 Months ended December, 1950.	109,913	5,200	866,875	98,919

